



VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



August 28, 2006

Councilman Bill Rosendahl
Room 415, City Hall
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re; LAMC 42.15

Dear Councilman Rosendahl,

The Venice Neighborhood Council has voted unanimously to support the recommendation of the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee, which is part of the Venice Beach Free Expression Protection Working Group (VBFEPWG) to modify LAMC 42.15 as described below:

The VBFEPWG has convened 7 public meetings per instructions in the ordinance and has evaluated the testimony received and presented the recommendations to the stakeholders involved on The Ocean Front Walk.

The vote below clearly delineates the recommendations and the vote take on each item by those who attended the meetings and by permit holders participating in the lottery for spaces on OFW. We urge you to support the recommendations as truly representative.

- 1.** 4' Height rule – to exempt working easels to allow one 6ft. working easel at a time. VOTE: 6 Yes, 7 No.
Total votes including lottery participants: Yes 102, No 32.
- 2.** Space Allocations - to limit selection of 10 performers only to 10x20 ft spaces- Tabled by committee.
Votes by lottery participants: Yes 71, No 32.
- 3.** 12 o'clock rule - no shows should forfeit their space for the day.
Vote: 20 Yes, 2 No.
Total votes including lottery participants: Yes 92, No 47.

4. 50 ft. noise rule - continue enforcement of noise rule on both sides of the OFW- 2 hour rotation of large acts. Vote: 19 Yes, 2 No.
Total votes including lottery participants: Yes 114, No 25.
5. Encroachments of signs and stands on eastside- need enforcement by Bureau of Street Services, Street Use Division to be fair to both sides of the OFW. Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 10 abstentions.
Total votes including lottery participants: Yes 93, No 42.

Other issues still under consideration by the OFW committee and the VBFEPWG for future meetings are:

1. Spray painting in the graffiti pit and out
2. Amplification of music
3. Handmade Jewelry & crafts sales
4. Creation of Appeals Board
5. Report on 8/24/06 Hearing on lawsuit filed by ACLU against LAMC
42.15

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DeDe Audet". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized symbol or mark.

DeDe Audet, President

DA/pr